

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Low Literacy Pockets
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the low literacy areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any special plan to provide adequate infrastructure to improve literacy in such locations in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and the expenditure made so far in this regard, State/location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b) A statement indicating State-wise names of the districts that had literacy rate and female literacy rate below 50 per cent, in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011 is at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is meant to bring effective improvement in adult literacy. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 is being implemented for universalisation of elementary education for all children in the 6-14 age group.
- Saakshar Bharat is being implemented in rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one Union Territory (UT) that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates. Under the programme, Adult Education Centres (AECs) have been set up at the rate of one in each gram panchayat, to function as the focal point for carrying out all the activities at grass-root level. A statement indicating State/UT-wise approved project cost, funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred, as reported by the State Literacy Mission Authorities (SLMAs), up to 31.10.2015 under Saakshar Bharat Programme is at Annexure-II.
